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MEDIA ADVISORY:

N.C. Museum of History Halloween Parade CANCELED Halloween Safe Night 2018 still planned for Oct 31, 6–9 p.m.

Oct. 8, 2018 (RALEIGH, N.C.) — Unfortunately, due to schedule changes in the Wake County Public Schools calendar in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, this year's North Carolina Museum of History's A Neighborhood Halloween Parade IS CANCELED. The parade was originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please update your event calendars and media materials accordingly.

But never fear- Halloween Safe Night 2018 is still on! Join us on Halloween night from 6–9 p.m. for a trick-or-treat trail through our *The Story of North*Carolina exhibit. Enjoy the N.C. Museum of History's largest exhibit ever produced while feasting on delicious sweets! The event is free and open to children ages 12 and under (with adult).

Halloween Safe Night 2018 is co-sponsored with the CW22 and My RDC.

About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, call 919-814-7000 or access <u>ncmuseumofhistory.org</u> or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube.

About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to

experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visitwww.ncdcr.gov.